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ABVP against....

ABVP had conducted various meetings, seminars, intellectual discussions and gave representations to HLG, CS, and MHRD. In 2016 the then HLG Prof. Jagdish Mukhi ji took up the matter seriously to MHRD and set up a committee to make a report on Central University in the chairmanship of Prof. K.K.Agrawal, former VC Indraprasth University. In 2018 the then MP Shri B.P Roy also took up the issue to the then MHRD Shri Prakash Javadekar ji. The ABVP's then National organizational Secretary, Shri. Sunil Ambekar ji also personally met and requested Shri Javadekar to grant a University to the Islands. In December 2018, the administration did not put great effort for a Central University and as result the administration failed to get a Central University due to lack of willingness, positive and serious approach for Higher education. Even the HLG and CS did not try to negotiate for a Central university in Islands and sent a proposal for deemed university to MHRD on Dec 2018. The administration is lacking vision for long-term benefits of Islands and to just cover up their inefficiency a Deemed University during the Hon'ble Prime minister's Visits to Islands was declared. On 30th Dec 2018, the A&N Administration made Prime minister of India to announce their Idea of a deemed to be university to Islands in the name of Netaji Subhash Ch. Bose. The educational Institutions in Islands run by A&N Administrations are not able to fulfil most of the requirements; let it be in terms of faculties or infrastructure. Most of Institutions are run through temporary principals and they even fail to pay salary to the Guest and Contract lectures as per UGC norms. The people of Andaman know that this administration from the last few years

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has failed to manage higher educational institutions and the overall educational progress of Islands. The ABVP said university will be self financing by nature in process of 5yr, which will be very expensive for any middle class family to afford. The Islanders will face a big financial burden in near future. The most important thing on the report is that, the existing Administration run colleges will be transferred to society which means the society will run the colleges and make its own rules and regulation which may not be as per UGC standard. The proposed Deemed to be university did not consider the Island Students as its feeders and proposed to bring students from international level as priority. The major expenditure will be carried by Andaman administration and students of islands are not in priority. The course proposed in the report are very expensive and highly sophisticated and the faculty will comes in visiting modes which means they are not permanent to the campus and their expenditure will carried by university. The nature of proposed deemed university will not protect common islanders interest while the entire higher education budget of A&N Islands will be invested in this deemed university. The Central Universities are highly reputed, equipped with best faculties and are centrally funded. As a remote and border territory, Islands are similarly eligible for central university like NE states. As a union territory without legislature Andaman is eligible for total centrally funded university. Why do we get degraded while we can get a Central University? The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad consistently demands for a central university and committed for it and with the collective efforts of all Islanders we will get a central university for our Islands and its future generations.

ABVP against establishment of deemed to be university (de-novo)

Port Blair, Dec 29: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad has been demanding for a central university in A&N Islands since 2006

(organised the first seminar on problem and prospects of Higher education in A&N Islands). The

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